CASE 4-20017D/C/10101

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

ULRICH POSANSKI

APPLICATION NO:

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FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS FOR SPARINGLY SOLUBLE

THERAPEUTIC AGENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the Title, insert — This is a continuation of Ser. No. 09/524,965, March 14, 2000, pending, which is a continuation of 09/097,915, June 17, 1998, abandoned, which is a continuation of 08/578,527, January 5, 1996, abandoned, which is a 371 of EP94/02248, July 8, 1994. --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-10 and add claims 11-22:

-- 11.(new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a solubilized therapeutic agent which is sparingly soluble in water and a carrier composition, said carrier composition comprising:

a) about 10-50% by weight, based on the carrier composition, of a co-surfactant which is substantially pure or which is in the form of a mixture, having a hydrophilic-lipophilic balance of less